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VIA EMAIL: shelby@niehs.nih.gov

Dr. Michael D. Shelby  
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Dear Dr. Shelby:

The American Chemistry Council Phthalate Esters Panel (PE Panel) is writing to inform you of its intention to submit comments in response to your notice regarding the CERHR Expert Panel for the evaluation of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP). 70 Fed. Reg. 6024 (Feb. 4, 2005). It is the Panel's understanding, based on your communication to Ann Claassen, that CERHR will consider public comments submitted at any time, and that submission of comments by April 20, 2005, should allow sufficient time for their review and consideration by the DEHP Expert Panel prior to its meeting.

In the interim, the Panel is providing a copy of McKee et al. (2004), which discusses many of studies published subsequent to the first CERHR Expert Panel review of DEHP.

If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 741-5623 or email me at Marian\_Stanley@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Phthalate Esters Panel

Attachment: McKee, R., Butala, J., David, R., Gans, G. (2004). NTP center for the evaluation of risks to human reproduction reports on phthalates: addressing the data gaps, Reproductive Toxicology 18:1-22. (as pdf)

